

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 24 of page 23 as follows:**

According to this embodiment, the drawback that multiple operational frequencies are required for signal processing in accordance with types of CCD 25 in the conventional example is improved. A CCD drive signal is prepared in the camera head 21 (or electronic endoscope 56), and clock conversion is performed in the line memory. Thus, one type of clock signal processing can be performed within the [[CCD]] CCU 6. Therefore, complicated signal processing in the CCU 6 can be prevented.